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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 November 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-15, 23-28, 30-38 and 42-49 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 16-22, 29 and 38-41 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/770,796.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Claims 1-15, 23-28, 30-37, 42-49 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected claims, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 11/23/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 16-22, 29, 38-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art (Kato et al -US 5054887) in further view of Miyago et al ('370).

Applicant's admitted prior art (Kato et al -US 5054887) teaches all the following claimed limitations, the citations refer to Applicant's specification as follows :

16. A TFT substrate, comprising:

a gate electrode comprising a first metal film over a substrate (Col.1, lines: 40-50);
a gate pad (gate bus lines) consisting the first metal film (Col.1, lines: 50-56);

an insulated film over the gate electrode and having an exposed area of the first metal film over the gate pad (Col.1, lines: 56-65);

a semiconductor film pattern over the insulated film (Col.1, lines: 60-65)

a source electrode formed over a first portion of the semiconductor film pattern (Col.2, lines: 5-10);

a drain electrode formed over a second portion of the semiconductor film pattern (Col.2, lines: 5-10;

a passivation film pattern formed over the source electrode, having a contact hole over the drain electrode and having an exposed area of the first metal film of the gate pad (Col.2, lines: 15-25);

a first pixel electrode pattern electrically contacted to the drain electrode on the passivation film pattern (Col.2, lines: 25-30); and

a second pixel electrode pattern electrically contacted to the exposed area of the first metal film of the gate pad (Col.2, lines: 25-30).

21. Applicant's admitted prior art ('887) teaches A TFT substrate, as recited in claim 16, wherein the first and second pixel patterns comprise ITO (Col.2, lines: 25-30).

22. Applicant's admitted prior art ('887) teaches A TFT substrate, as recited in claim 16, wherein a portion of the passivation film directly contacts the semiconductor film pattern (Col.2, lines: 15-20).

29. Applicant's admitted prior art ('887) teaches a TFT substrate, as recited in claim 16, wherein a portion of the passivation film directly contacts the semiconductor film pattern (Col.2, lines: 15-20).

40. Applicant's admitted prior art ('887) teaches a TFT substrate as in claim 16, wherein the semiconductor film pattern comprises: an amorphous silicon film on the insulated film; and a doped amorphous silicon film on the amorphous silicon film (Col.1, lines: 55-65).

41. Applicant's admitted prior art ('887) teaches A TFT substrate as in claim 16, wherein the second pixel electrode pattern contacts portions of the exposed gate pad (Col.2, lines: 30-35).

However, Applicant's admitted prior art ('887) fails to teach additional limitations of claim 16 as follows:

A gate electrode comprising a first metal film over a substrate and a second metal film over the first metal film;

A gate pad consisting of the first metal film and a portion of a removed area of the second metal film.

Miyago et al ('370) teaches a similar method to Applicant's admitted prior art ('887) and further teaches to form a second metal layer as part of the gate electrode (Col.3-4, lines: 60-10). Moreover, Miyago teaches that the gate pad area consist of a first metal film and a portion of a removed area of the second metal film (Fig.1 (12 and 3)).

17. Miyago teaches a TFT substrate, as recited in claim 16, wherein the first metal film comprises a refractory metal (Col.3, lines: 60-65).
18. Miyago teaches A TFT substrate. as recited in claim 17. wherein the first metal film comprises a material selected from the group consisting of Cr, Ta, Mo, and Ti (Mo- Col.3, lines: 60-65).
19. Miyago teaches A TFT substrate. as recited in claim 16, wherein the second metal film comprises A1 or an A1 alloy (Col.3, lines:60-65).
20. Miyago and Applicant's admitted prior art ('887) teaches A TFT substrate. as recited in claim 16, wherein the insulated film comprises a nitride film SiN (See respectively, Col.4, liens: 25-30 and Col.1, lines: 55-60) .
38. Miyago teaches A TFT substrate as in claim 16, wherein at least one of the first and the second metal film of the gate electrode and the gate pad has tapered-sidewalls (Fig.2 (4a and 4b).

39. Miyago teaches a TFT substrate as in claim 38, wherein the second metal film has tapered sidewalls(Fig.2 (4a and 4b).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Applicant's admitted prior art (Kato '887) to further include the two metal layer gate structure taught by Miyago because as Miyago teaches the dual structure protects from hillocks and furthermore ensures that source and gate wirings are kept safe from breakage (Col.5, lines: 1-17).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura M Schillinger whose telephone number is (571) 272-1697. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T, R-F 7:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl W Whitehead, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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